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REPORT OF TDY TRIP BY MR.

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55. After a general discussion of business with [] was shown the receiver and transmitter sites. The transmitter site, which is about four miles airline to the southeast and off [] is a very impressive installation. The site is a mile or so east of [] and in a wooded area. About 100 acres of trees have been cleared for the antenna farm. A high fence encloses about 20 acres in the center of the plot, within which is the transmitter building and the antenna feed lines plus part of the antennae. Two indigenous [] guards cover the gate and fence area constantly. A specially constructed power line about 1-1/2 miles long services the site with high voltage power. There is one building, which is a permanent one-story structure and houses the transmitters, power transformers, emergency generators, and the living quarters. The power or generator room is on one end of the building and is thoroughly ventilated and separated from the main part of the building by a brick partition. The transmitter room is in the center of the building and has adequate space for about a 50% expansion over the present installation of transmitters. A workshop is adjacent to this room. On the other end of this building are the living quarters, laboratory and wash room facilities, a small kitchen, and a day room. Under this section of the building is a partial basement, which contains the heating plant. The entire building is very clean, in excellent condition, and presents an impressive appearance. The entire installation is a credit to the organization and the men responsible for its operation and upkeep are also.

56. The receiver site is located in a rapidly expanding area within the building area of []. Buildings have been constructed all around the site leaving absolutely no room for further expansion. In addition the [] shops have been placed directly adjacent to this site. This is a large round, glass-enclosed building, which makes much use of such noise developing machines as electric welders, in addition to the contribution of ignition noise from the vehicles operated around the building. No more space is now available at this site for antennae. The receiver building is of permanent construction but is presently in need of considerable repairs. Recently the entire building was rewired as the original [] wiring installed did not satisfy the Base fire regulations. The building houses quarters for a few of the men, the receiving room, the crypto center, the base station office, the entire supply function for the [] Operation, plus the [] equipment (vehicles are parked outside). Several thousand pounds of crated communications equipment is presently stored outside in the weather for lack of inside storage space. The building, in spite of the crowded conditions and need for repairs, is kept in very clean, neat condition. It is evident that a large effort must be and is exerted to maintain this appearance. [] is to be commended for his excellent administration of the entire site.

57. On 19 March a car was sent down from [] and transported [] to [] headquarters. Here [] met and discussed business in general with Mr. [] Area Commo Chief. The discussion centered around signal plans and base scheduling and various ideas were exchanged and discussed on these subjects. [] was shown the headquarters offices and signal center. An agenda was worked out whereby [] was to return to [] the following day and discuss base scheduling with [] and his chief operator, [].

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[] was to proceed to [] on business and return for [] the following evening. March 22 [] were to go to [] to visit [] and talk with [] [] decided to depart from [] for [] on March 24th on the basis of this agenda. On March 20 [] to [] attempted to contact [] at the Headquarters of the [] and found that [] was out of [] for the next three weeks. It was decided to cancel any further attempt to investigate sites at [] until after [] return to the home office.

58. On March 21 a thorough discussion of base scheduling was had with [] and [] It was pointed out to [] that base scheduling here was extremely difficult due to the many miscellaneous and non-standard signal plans such as [] and others which they were required to work. None of these plans have compatible schedules and must be fitted into an already full schedule whenever they come up. Lack of a transmitter attendant also complicated scheduling and required that all base frequencies used in the plans worked from [] be set up ahead of time on the Collins autotune transmitters at [] scheduling involved the following features which are new to headquarters' ideas of scheduling:

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60. [] and his deputy, [] discussed with [] the crowd and undesirable conditions at the present [] receiving site (mentioned in Para. 56). The possibility of a new site was brought up and talked over. A map of the [] indicated about 50 acres would be available at the west end of the []. It was decided to discuss this with base authorities to obtain more accurate details on future [] plans for the base plus information concerning availability of land in the desired area.

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